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M.E. CASE NO. 88-3575 A
DATE DEC/12/88

BURNS, ANTIONETTE (UNKNOWN, REMAINS)
14 BLACK FEMALE DOB JAN/23/74
2440 NW 159TH STREET, OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA

PLACE OF DEATH: CORNER LOT: NW 88 ST. & 23 AVE., UNINC. DADE, MIAMI, FL
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 3:30PM DEC/12/88

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: METRO #627658-I /KOSLOSKE

INCIDENT LOCATION: CORNER LOT: NW 88 ST. & 23 AVE., MIAMI, FLA.
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CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER 6/19/89-DJM.

MANNER: HOMICIDE DATE AUTOPSY DEC/13/88 BY CHARLES V. WETLI MD

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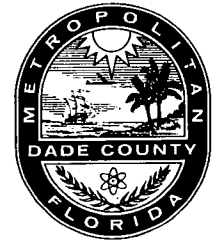
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Suspect is linked to 19th slaying

By DONNA GEHRKE
Herald Staff Writer

Charles Henry Williams, already the prime suspect in the slayings of 18 inner-city women, has been linked to the murder of another: a



20-year-old who, like three other victims, was seen with him on her last day alive.

Sandra Jackson, only four foot eight and 84 pounds, was alone with six-foot-three Williams, a convicted

rapist known for choking his victims, on March 23 after the two had visited with Jackson's cousin. Her body was found the next day in a wooded vacant lot at Northwest 13th Place and 38th Street.

Williams "was one of the last individuals seen with her alive," said

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Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

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Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective.

Like many of the 18 other victims, Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former maintenance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings — and perhaps more — because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

"We've never had this many that seemed to fall into a pattern," said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

Williams, 33, has been in the Dade County Jail for the past six months but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof — even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims, but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims — 18 of them black and one Hispanic — was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia because she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doing tricks for crack," her family told investigators.

Just before her murder, she was desperately trying to break her

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence, a distant relative who unsuccessfully tried to find a rehabilitation program for her. "I couldn't find anything free for her," he said.

On March 24, a man working in his yard found Jackson's strangled body next door in an overgrown lot in the Brownsville neighborhood. A brown coat covered her nude body. Her shoes were found nearby.

In the next 11 days, four more bodies of women were found. Two of them had been badly beaten and strangled, as Jackson was.

On March 26, the body of Angela Williams, 23, was found in an open field at Northwest 21st Avenue and 68th Street. The killer had beaten her face, breaking her jaw and teeth.

A week later, in another vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 46th Street, children found the body of Brenda Hernandez, 24, whose chest and neck were battered like Jackson's.

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims — but they were alive when he left them.

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him, Williams complained.

From canvassing Brownsville after the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness in March by a man known on the streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

McMahon showed her a Polaroid of Williams.

"That's him, she said.

She said she hadn't gone to police sooner because she didn't think officers "give a damn about street hookers or prostitutes," McMahon said in a deposition.

The second victim said she was raped by Williams in the Brownsville neighborhood on March 18, six days before Jackson's body was found.

"She said at first he had grabbed her in a choke hold, putting his arm around her neck," Miami homicide detective Frank Castillo said in a deposition. "She said that he had her under control. She couldn't get away from him. The harder she would try to push away, the tighter the choke would get around her neck."

The two women pressed rape charges against Williams. He is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 13. But the trial is likely to be postponed — for a third time. Prosecutor Dennis Siegel is planning to be out of the state that week to attend a seminar.

Meanwhile, police remain close-mouthed about the homicide investigation.

Williams' defense attorney, Howard Landau, believes homicide in-

vestigators are now conducting genetic DNA tests to see if they can trace back to Williams any body fluids found on the victims. The tests are usually done to connect rapists to their victims, usually through semen.

Despite Landau's objections, the Dade state attorney's office recently obtained a court order to take blood and saliva samples from Williams.

Miami homicide detective Rodriguez wouldn't talk about the genetic tests. "We're following up every avenue that's available to us that can assist us in these investigations," he said.

Rodriguez and John Farrell, Metro chief of detectives, said officers have pursued dozens of leads without the breakthrough they were counting on.

"Unfortunately, we haven't been able to put together anything of significance," Rodriguez said. "It's just a shame. It's a tragedy. I really feel that somebody out there saw or heard something that could help us solve at least one of these cases."

"Serial killers don't stop killing," he said. "They either get arrested, they die or they move somewhere and continue."

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Charles V. Wetli, M.D.
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

Date 2-9-89

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THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name. ~~UNKNOWN-BLACK-FEMALE~~..December 13, 1988..9 am.Case No. 88-3575
BURNS, Antionette

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a 5 foot, 6 inch, 136 pound, well developed, well nourished appearing Negro female appearing in her late teens to early 20's. The scalp hair is thick and in the back is woven and clipped a hair piece. No injuries to the scalp are evident. A small amount of blood is on the external ears and removing this discloses superficial tears of the ears bilaterally. Bloody fluid is in the nose and mouth. The bulbar conjunctivae are markedly injected bilaterally and on the left are a few scattered petechiae. The palpebral conjunctivae are injected but otherwise unremarkable. Speculum examination of the nose fails to disclose any erosions, ulcerations, or perforations. The lower lip is not lacerated or contused. The dentition is good despite the complete lack of any obvious dental work. The breasts are full and the areolae are hypermelanotic. On the right arm, laterally, is a faded tattoo with the inscription "Two Lovers Forever". Also are two hearts included in this tattoo one of which has the word "Mark" and the other has the word "Ann". On the left arm is another faded blue tattoo with the inscription "Mark W. -n- Antoinette". No perivenous scars of the upper extremities are evident. The abdomen is unremarkable and is free of striae or scars. The external genitalia are unremarkable but with speculum examination and direct inspection also reveals a few minor abrasions of the right labia minora. Speculum examination on the evening of 12 December 1988 disclosed nulliparous uterine cervix with a few scattered erosions. The vagina appeared unremarkable and free of any other injuries. The lower extremities have a few, nondiscript scattered scars but otherwise unremarkable. No injuries to the back are observed.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The pleural, pericardial, and peritoneal cavities are free of excessive fluid and the only adhesions found connect the diaphragm to the liver superiorly.

The 290 gram heart has a normal amount of subepicardial fat and a right predominant coronary arterial system that is elastic and entirely free of arteriosclerosis. Externally, the heart has prominent notching at its apex between the right and left ventricular myocardium. Sectioning the heart, however, fails to disclose any abnormalities and the myocardium is brown and homogeneous throughout. The heart valves are all unremarkable

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with no redundancy or myxoid degeneration of the mitral valve. The coronary artery orifices are unremarkable. No thrombi or emboli are detected anywhere within the body.

Serial sectioning of the tongue fails to disclose any contusions, bite marks or other abnormalities. Layerwise dissection of the neck muscles fails to disclose any abnormalities. There are no tears, contusions, or other abnormalities of the strap muscles of the neck or the intrinsic muscles of the neck. Posteriorly the cricopharyngeal area has a 1 centimeter in diameter contusion, just to the left of the midline. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage are dissected and no fractures or other abnormalities are seen. Also, the soft tissues surrounding these structures are not hemorrhagic. The mucosa surface is markedly dusky, but free of petechiae or other abnormalities.

The right and left lungs are 460 grams and 430 grams respectively. They are dusky blue-purple externally and smooth. The cut surfaces are markedly edematous and congested. No foci of consolidation are seen or palpated. No pulmonary scarring is evident.

The esophagus, stomach, and intestines are all unremarkable externally and along the mucosal surfaces. The stomach contains an estimated 200 milliliters of partially digested food particles most of which appears to be vegetable matter. No medication is found.

The 1040 gram liver has a sharp anterior edge and a smooth capsule. It is brown and homogeneous throughout and no abnormalities are found. The gallbladder is collapsed.

The 140 gram spleen has a blue-gray capsule and a soft dark red cut surface with no visible lymphoid follicles or other abnormalities.

Lymph nodes in the pericervical chain and also in the axilla are moderately enlarged. However, many of these also appear to have fatty infiltration.

Each kidney is 130 grams, they are smooth, dark brown, and unremarkable externally and upon sectioning. The ureters are not dilated and lead to an empty urinary bladder.

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The ovaries appear slightly enlarged bilaterally but are devoid of any corpora lutea. The fallopian tubes are moderately enlarged bilaterally with adhesions to the ovary. The uterus is of normal size and shape and the endometrium is unremarkable. The cervical os is nulliparous.

The adrenal glands, pancreas, and thyroid gland are unremarkable externally and upon serial sectioning.

Reflecting the scalp discloses galeal petechiae that are rather prominent but also a 1 inch contusion of the scalp of the high posterior region in the midline. The galea, however, is not lacerated and the contusion is not associated with any ectocalvarial skull fracture. The 1150 gram brain has intense meningovascular congestion but is otherwise entirely unremarkable externally and on serial sectioning. Stripping the dura from the skull and calvarium fails to disclose any abnormalities. No fractures are observed. The sphenoid sinus is unremarkable.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

1. Pulmonary edema and congestion
2. Cervical and axillary adenopathy
3. Hepatophrenic adhesions
4. Tubal ovarian adhesions with enlargement of both ovaries and fallopian tubes
5. Meningovascular congestion.



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Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

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Antoinette Burns

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Fallopian tube - severe chronic salpingitis.

Heart - normal

Portoin pharynx - focal hemorrhage & cellular response

Thymus - congested

Ovary - unremarkable

Lymph Node hyperplastic.

Scalp - deep hemorrhage, suffusion & cellular response

Lung - atelectasis, edema, congestion.

Liver - atelectasis.

Coronary artery - normal

Breast - collagenous adenosis

Uterus - chronic cervicitis.

Brain - unremarkable

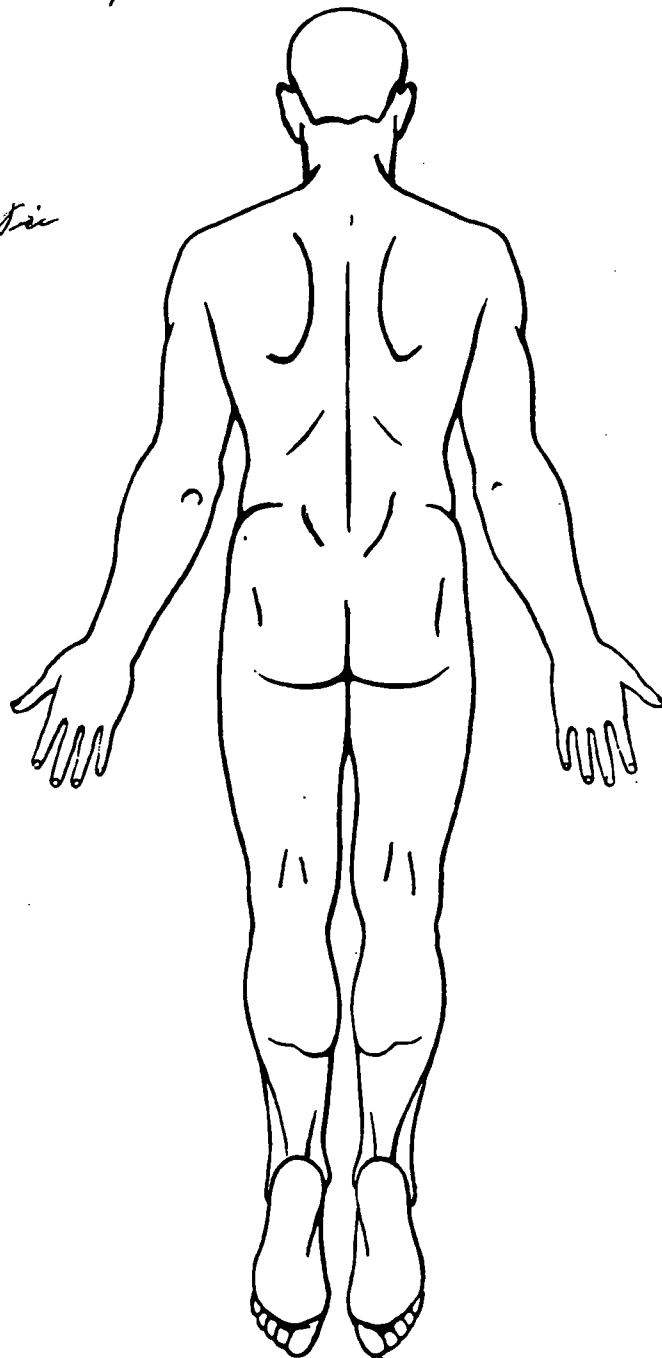
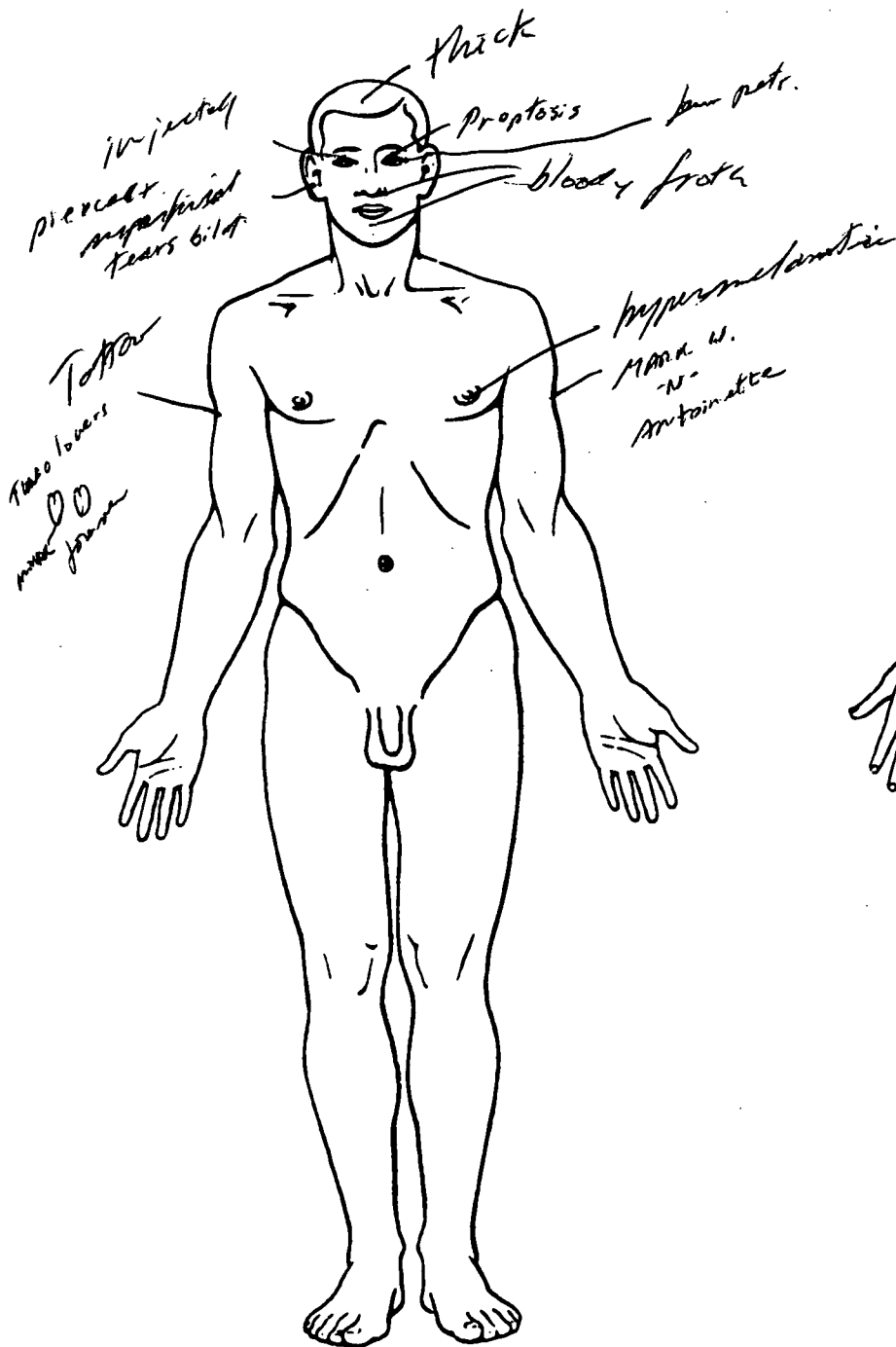
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SECTION B

Dead women had links to rapist

By DONNA GEHRKE
Herald Staff Writer

Where Charles Henry Williams went, women died.

Four were killed near his family home in Overtown. A fifth was a neighbor. Four more died in a North Dade prostitution zone where the tall baby-faced 32-year-old used to wander. Two others were found just outside the area. And two were murdered in a Brownsville neighborhood where he used to smoke crack.

Williams tells police it's coincidence.

Homicide detectives think it's a pattern.

Police say the convicted rapist is a suspect in these 13 slayings and five others, which date back more than two years. They called a press conference 2½ months ago to announce their suspicion. But they haven't yet charged



Convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams, left, says connections to the dead women are a coincidence. Police see a pattern, but they haven't charged Williams with murder.

Williams with murder.

The killings stopped once Williams was jailed last April on two unrelated rape charges.

"He's the best thing we've got," said Metro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who

heads his department's investigation into 11 of the deaths. "He is the No. 1 suspect."

In recent weeks, The Herald has found more links to Williams and the deaths. Court records and interviews with police, witnesses and victims' families show:

■ At least three victims were seen with Williams on the day they died.

■ Two women who pressed the current rape charges against Williams say he tried to choke them to death in Brownsville — the same neighborhood where two victims died, within the same few weeks.

■ Another woman filed attempted-murder charges against Williams for a choking attack just hours after she had introduced him to one of her friends — who later was found murdered.

■ Williams frequented the same places — a crack den, a prostitution zone — that several of the victims did.

Williams is scheduled to go to trial next week on the two rape charges. The trial might

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3 victims were seen with rapist the day they died

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be postponed to give Williams' new court-appointed attorney, Howard Landau, a chance to prepare a defense.

Landau, who helped win an acquittal for Williams in a 1986 rape trial, won't comment on the case or the homicide investigation. Nor will he allow his client to speak to The Herald.

In statements to police, Williams has denied killing the women.

Born in Georgia, he grew up in a neatly kept Overtown townhouse with his mother, brother and sisters.

By 1986, he had been accused of seven rapes — including assaults on two 15-year-old schoolgirls — and was profiled in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to plea bargain and beat the system.

His accusers describe the same modus operandi: He starts with sweet talk and suddenly turns vicious as he chokes his victims unconscious.

Two years ago when Williams was out of jail, young women started dying mysteriously in his Overtown neighborhood. They were found almost nude, their legs spread and no visible trauma.

Miami cops were puzzled. Initial autopsies turned up a new theory — later debunked by Medical Examiner Joe Davis — that the women died because they combined sex and co-



VICTIM: Brenda Hernandez was seen with Williams the day she was strangled.

caine once too often.

They were well-known in the Overtown neighborhood as heavy crack-users.

So was Williams.

"He'd say, 'I've got money. Let's get drugs,'" remembered neighbor Audrey Salles.

One of Williams' teen-age neighbors took him up on the offer in April 1988 — and was found dead hours later, said the victim's best friend, Aida Rodriguez, 17.

She said Williams offered her and 16-year-old Sharmanita Grays "some weed" when they went to the Bay Point Motel, 3530 Biscayne Blvd. Later, Rodriguez left her friend with a heavily perspiring, crack-using Williams who wouldn't let her back into the room.

That's the last time Rodriguez saw Grays alive. Her body was found hours later sprawled, legs apart and nearly nude, on a stairwell at the motel.

Rodriguez told Miami homicide investigators her suspicions. Miami police have since refused to discuss the case.

Since then, two other victims were seen with Williams on their last day.

In October 1988, Williams sought sex from prostitute Erica Edwards on the night she died near the hooker zone on Northwest 79th Street, said witness Beverly Gunder James.

She said Williams, identifying himself as "Tony," approached her on Oct. 22, 1988, at the Tropicana Bar, 1057 NW 79th St.

"He came out of the bushes," James said in a telephone interview.

"He asked me where I was going, and I said to the bar. He asked if I 'dated' [slang for hooking], and I said no. He asked if I smoked cocaine and I said no. He asked me if I knew anyone who did.

"I said yes — Erica."

She said she then introduced him

to Edwards.

"I said, 'Erica, this is Tony. He seems like a nice guy. Be nice to him.'"

The next morning, Edwards' body was discovered in a nearby field. She had been dead for hours.

That same day, James told police, Williams grabbed her from behind and choked her. "He picked me off the ground and put a hook on me and I couldn't spring loose," she said.

"The man was on top of me," she added. "I was on my stomach."

A neighbor saw the attack and scared him off, she said.

Five days later — and after three more women had been found dead in the area — James spotted Williams at a friend's house near the hooker zone.

Metro police arrested him there on attempted second-degree murder charges.

He was released in early December after prosecutors dropped the case. They couldn't find James. She moved to Oklahoma soon after the assault.

Five months later, Williams was seen with victim Brenda Hernandez on the day she was strangled in an open field in Brownsville, police told her mother, Mercedes Hernandez.

The victim had lived just a few blocks from a crack den near J & J Groceries at 2656 NW 46th St. where Williams hung out.

Two other victims, Barbara Ann

Black and Barbara Lattimore, hung out at the same crack den, several witnesses said. "He liked the girls," remembered store owner John Bennett.

Williams was arrested at the crack den when he tried to run from detectives investigating Hernandez's murder.

While canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, detectives ran into a woman who said Williams had raped her in the same neighborhood two weeks earlier.

She said she was initially fooled by his appearance. "A clean-cut guy," she noted.

She agreed to Williams' offer: \$10, two cocaine rocks and half a pound of marijuana for sex. The next thing she knew, he was choking her and forcing her to have sex.

"The man chokes you like he intends to kill you. It's not a choke where he's playing with you at all. He wants to kill you," she said in a

sworn statement.

"The look on the guy's face — it totally changed from that nice personality, nice gentleman, hard-working gentleman to a damn maniac," she testified.

Metro detectives charged Williams with rape.

Within a week, Miami police followed with another rape charge. A woman from Brownsville accused Williams of choking and raping her in March.

Since early April, Williams has been in jail, lately in solitary.

"He's there for his own protection based on his notoriety," said Dade Jail Lt. Jim Wood.

Williams passes his days watching TV or talking to another prisoner — Charlie Street, accused killer of two Metro officers.

Williams has impressed Lt. Wood with his politeness and quiet demeanor. "He seems calm and content."

Deaths of 19 Prostitutes Pose a Mystery in Miami

By JEFFREY SCHMALZ

Special to The New York Times

MIAMI, June 3 — The circumstances suggest foul play. The bodies of all 19 women were found in the same section of the city in outside areas like fields, or they were behind buildings. Yet medical examiners said they had found no wounds on the bodies, no bruises, no scratches, no needle marks. Nothing.

For months officials here have been debating the deaths, which occurred over the last two and a half years. One assistant medical examiner speculated that the women, who the police say were prostitutes, may have died from the combined stimulation of sex and crack.

This week, Dade County's Medical Examiner, Dr. Joseph H. Davis, issued his formal determination: the women were murdered. He did not address whether the victims had been killed by the same person, but the announcement raised the specter of a serial killer preying on local prostitutes.

Dr. Davis said a re-examination of photographs and autopsy reports had revealed that pressure had been applied to the victims' necks or mouths. Aiding the medical examiner in his evaluation was Dr. Richard Souviron, an expert in forensic dentistry whose findings helped convict the serial killer Ted Bundy.

"One might question," Dr. Davis wrote, "how such deliberate deaths could occur in the absence of obvious injury patterns that we see in most homicidal strangulations and suffocations. It is not at all difficult to inflict enough neck pressure to result in helplessness and loss of consciousness within seconds."

Dr. Davis acknowledged that the physical evidence of murder was "subtle." And in defense of his finding, he in-



Associated Press

Dr. Joseph H. Davis, Dade County Medical Examiner, who has determined that 19 women found dead in Miami in similar positions and with no signs of violence were murdered.

Are they subtle murders or reactions from sex and crack?

cluded a discourse about how a medical examiner's conclusions were often based not on the body itself but on the circumstances in which it was found.

All the dead women, who ranged in age from 14 years old to 32, were black, except one, who was Hispanic. Most were crack users, the police said. All were found on their backs, with either their dresses pulled up or their pants pulled down; their legs were spread.

"It is my considered conclusion," Dr. Davis wrote, "that the repetitive pattern of body position, location and scene circumstances constitutes a reasonable conclusion as to manner of death — homicide."

But rather than create alarm, the Medical Examiner's report has been received warily. The Miami Herald did not even print the article about it on its front page. And police officials, while saying they are investigating the cases as murders, say they are not convinced that the deaths were really homicides.

"We're not discounting that there could be other explanations," said John

Farrell, chief of detectives of Metro-Dade Police Department. "As to the motivation of Dr. Davis, I think he was under some pressure in pressurized to come up with a reason."

Skepticism About Report

Police officers say it is difficult to believe that at least some of the victims would not have struggled with the killer. They say serial killers of prostitutes tend to be the most vicious murderers of all, slashing or otherwise mutilating their victims, not leaving them unscarred.

The police say they have not abandoned the theory that the women died from the combined stimulation of sex and crack. While they acknowledge that the levels of cocaine found in victims were insufficient for an overdose, they say their experience with crack is that a small amount can induce fatal psychotic fits.

But the police also acknowledged holes in the cocaine theory. Two victims had no cocaine in their bodies. And with the exception of one, the deaths have all occurred in the same area directly north of midtown. If the deaths were indeed linked to sex and crack, why would they be limited to that section?

No Comment on Clues

In interviews some leading medical examiners elsewhere in the country cautioned that while they were familiar with the specifics of the Miami deaths, they thought Dr. Davis' conclusions were plausible. The examiners said they were not seeing a rash of similar prostitute deaths in their cities and this led them to conclude that the sex-cocaine theory was probably inaccurate.

As for there being virtually no signs of trauma on the victims' bodies, Dr. Charles Hirsch, the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, said: "It is not unusual for there to be no signs. It is perfectly consistent with a sound evaluation of cases like this to consider history and circumstances. Sometimes that's about all you have to go on."

The police would not comment on what physical evidence had been found at the death scenes — whether, for example, they had found hairs from the killer or fingerprints. They have questioned at least two men but have not brought charges.

Meanwhile, police officers have been warning black prostitutes to be wary. They say that, in addition to the deaths, crack use has brought about an overall increase in brutality against prostitutes.

The prostitutes' reaction has been fatalistic.

Chief Farrell said: "They tell us, 'you're not a user, you don't understand the high.' They tell us to leave them alone."

Cops: Rapist top suspect in murders

But no charges filed in 19 deaths

By **DONNA GEHRKE**
Herald Staff Writer

For the first time, Metro-Dade police confirmed Monday that convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams is the main suspect in some of the 19 inner-city murders of Dade women.

However, police still do not have enough evidence to charge Williams with any murders. "We've exhausted all leads," Homicide Bureau Cmdr. Wayne McCarthy said.

"It's not like anyone has left a calling card or footprint or anything like that," he added. "We're making every effort we can."

McCarthy said his investigators are looking at two other suspects. One is suspected of killing the first victim, Tammie Turner, who died in September 1986 while Williams was in jail. The other is a convicted sex offender, but McCarthy said his investigators are not investigating him as intensely as they are Wil-



CHARLES WILLIAMS: Police link him to some of 19 deaths.

liams. He would not disclose those suspects' names.

Investigators have said privately that Williams, 32, is their suspect for all the slayings but Turner's.

McCarthy said Williams "is a main suspect in some of them," adding he could speak only about the 11 cases his agency is investigating. Hialeah and Miami police detectives in charge of the others could not be reached for comment after McCarthy

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Cops suspect rapist, lack evidence

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thy's afternoon press conference.

McCarthy said witnesses have linked Williams with four of Metro's victims.

"He knew them or he dated them," McCarthy said. "Or he did drugs with them."

Family and witnesses have also tied Williams to the Miami homicide of Sharmanita Grays, 16, a neighbor of Williams in Overtown.

Since Williams was jailed in early April on two unrelated rape charges, no woman has been found dead like the other victims.

Williams has denied involvement in any of the deaths.

McCarthy said police have not ruled out that some of the victims died accidentally. But he acknowledged that the theory the women died from a lethal combination of sex and cocaine — which has been rejected by Dade Medical Examiner Joseph Davis — is "on the back

burner."

Davis said Monday it is only a matter of paper work before his office classifies all the women's deaths as homicides. Some of the deaths had remained unclassified for months before Davis led his own investigation and concluded all 19 victims were murdered.

In some cases, the women had been clearly asphyxiated, he said. "You could stand 10 feet away, it's that clear," he added. In others, the bodies were so decomposed that medical examiners couldn't determine an exact cause of death.

McCarthy said his office is waiting for a written report from the FBI's Behavioral Profile Bureau in Quantico, Va., which will take weeks to complete.

After a preliminary analysis, the bureau told local investigators that the 18 deaths, excluding Turner's, appear to be similar and committed by one person.

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Coroner: Somebody killed 19 women

By ROSEMARY GOUDREAU
Herald Staff Writer

On a second look, the Dade Medical Examiner's Office has found a common thread in the mysterious deaths of 19 young Miami women over the past 2½ years — murder.

Medical Examiner Joseph Davis personally re-examined autopsy reports and photographs of the women's bodies and released a report Tuesday that says someone applied pressure to the necks or mouths of many of the victims.

The six-page report does not mention the two unusual theories his department had offered to explain the deaths: that a small amount of cocaine combined with sexual intercourse killed them, or that the women choked to death during oral sex.

The women, all black except for one Hispanic, have been found dead since December 1986 in outside areas of Dade — open fields, behind buildings, in the bushes. All were found lying on their backs with their skirts

pulled up or their pants pulled down, their legs spread apart. All were found between downtown Miami and Northwest 102nd Street, except for one found in Hialeah.

Initially, the medical examiner's office said the bodies showed no sign of trauma — no bruises, no needle marks, no signs of a struggle. Only recently did they suggest the possibility that somebody was killing them.

The Davis report changes that.

"It is my considered conclusion that the re-

petitive pattern of body position, location and scene circumstances constitute a reasonable conclusion as to manner of death — homicide," Davis wrote.

Only nine of the women's bodies were found soon enough after death to allow detailed studies of the skin, but seven of them showed "subtle evidence" of "carefully ap-

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plied neck pressure," Davis wrote.

Four of the nine showed "mild or moderate pressure to the mouth," he reported.

"It is not at all difficult to inflict enough neck pressure to result in helplessness and loss of consciousness within seconds," he wrote. "A weakened or unsuspecting victim may be fatally incapacitated with little or no residual signs of physical injury."

Davis did not return phone calls to his office Tuesday.

John Farrell, chief of detectives of the Metro-Dade Police Department, said his department is keeping "an open mind" about the deaths since no specific cause has been rendered. His department has always investigated the cases as though they were homicides, he said.

"There's a lot of this we don't understand and we don't have the answers," Farrell said. "Davis is saying, 'It's my feeling this is homicide, and I'm the boss.'"

"He's not saying that absolutely,

this is the way these women were killed. He's talking about subtle evidence. . . . Anything is possible, but you're not doing this in some clinical situation where the exact pressure points will be touched. These are live people, streetwise people. We have still not established a very, specific manner of death," he said.

Farrell isn't ready to dismiss the theory that a small amount of cocaine combined with sexual stimulation killed some of the women. According to the theory, initially put forth by Deputy Dade Medical Examiner Charles Wetli, the combina-

tion can set off a fatal nervous reaction in run-down people who regularly abuse drugs.

"We certainly don't discount it totally at this point in time when we don't have other than 'subtle evidence' of injuries," Farrell said.

Still, the department continues to look for people with a history of beating up prostitutes or women around crack houses, he said. One of the homicide sergeants leaves today for the FBI Behavioral Profile bureau in Quantico, Va. The agency keeps a data base and has behavior analysts who might help investigators figure out the type of killer, or killers, they might be looking for.

Investigators have questioned convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams in with the deaths. Williams, held at the Dade County jail on unrelated rape charges, has a history of choking his victims to unconsciousness.

"The important thing is that the general public does not seem to be at risk here," said Farrell. "In most of these cases, it's associated with people in the crack-house environment. It doesn't make the death any less a death. It's important. But we don't want to alarm the public at large."

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LOST THEIR MOTHER: One victim was Barbara Lattimore, who left daughters Shantavia, 3, left, and Shadedra, 6. Now their grandmother is trying to raise them on a meager income.

18 killings leave families struggling with uncertainty

By DONNA GEHRKE
Herald Staff Writer

Fourteen-year-old Antoinette Burns jogged, earned a white belt in karate and went to movies.

Sharmanita Grays, 16, went out for cheerleading in junior high but later dropped out of school.

Barbara Lattimore, 22, had two young daughters and tried to care for them, despite her crack habit.

About the only thing the three had in common was murder.

They are among the 18 young Dade women who the FBI believes were slain by a serial killer who hated women.

After a preliminary analysis, the FBI's Behavioral Profile Bureau in Quantico, Va., has told local investi-

gators that the deaths appear to be similar and conducted by one person.

"No one wants to scare people, but we could have a serial killer," said Metro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who heads the county's investigation.

Since main suspect Charles Henry Williams — a convicted rapist — was jailed in early April on two unrelated rape charges, no woman has been found dead like the other victims. Investigators say they do not have enough proof to charge him with even one homicide.

"We're still investigating everything," said Miami homicide detective Tony Rodriguez, who is in charge

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Homicide victims' families left in limbo

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of the Miami operation.

Williams has denied any involvement in the deaths. His lawyer, assistant public defender Steven Potolsky, also said he couldn't talk about the investigation.

Late last month, Dade Medical Examiner Joseph Davis re-examined autopsy reports and photographs of 19 women's bodies and concluded someone had applied pressure to the necks or mouths of many of the victims. He is reclassifying the deaths to homicide — if they hadn't been already.

Police do not believe one of those victims is linked with the 18 others. The September 1986 death of Tammie Turner offers few clues since her body was found decomposed. But investigators said the death scene appears slightly different from the rest. Also, Williams was in jail at the time of her death.

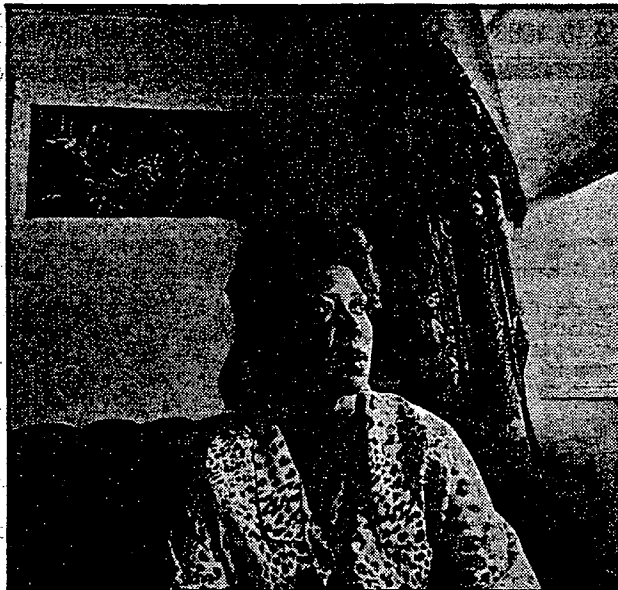
The 18 other victims, all black except for one Hispanic, have been found dead since July 1987 with their skirts pulled up or their pants pulled down. Almost all had their legs spread apart. All were found between downtown Miami and Northwest 102nd Street, except for one found in Hialeah.

Medical examiners still aren't sure exactly how the women died.

The uncertainty has added more agony for many of the victims' families.

The family of Sharmanita Grays had to wait more than a year before Davis reversed an assistant's decision that the teen-ager died from a dose of sex and cocaine.

When Sharmanita was found dead in April 1988, her family told Miami police they suspected murder. A sister, Harriette Grays, said they even had a suspect — Charles Henry Williams.



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WAITING FOR ANSWERS: Lealean Rahming, mother of victim Antoinette Burns, can't file an insurance claim without a completed death certificate.

Sharmanita had been with Williams, a neighbor, the night she died at a Biscayne Boulevard motel. Two witnesses, a motel clerk and the 16-year-old's best friend, backed up the family's story.

"The police never did anything. They never came back," Harriette Grays said. "They act like they don't care. They don't tell my mama anything."

Detective Rodriguez said he could not discuss individual cases, but he defended the city investigations as thorough and aggressive.

Harriette said her family saw Williams roam freely throughout the

neighborhood after Sharmanita's death.

"He used to walk around here. I couldn't take it. I just left," she said.

Sharmanita was her favorite sister.

She had been a junior high cheerleader who dropped out of school when she joined in with the wrong bunch of girls, Harriette Grays said.

"She was shaped nice, she jumped the best of the cheerleaders, she was a great dancer. She was a pretty black girl. A lot of people liked her," her sister remembered.

The family of victim Barbara "Rabbit" Lattimore also have suffered from waiting.



YOUNGEST VICTIM: Antoinette Burns' death was different.

They still have not received a completed death certificate, eight months after the 22-year-old woman was found dead at a closed drive-in movie theater at 2700 NW 87th St.

Missing from the form is a cause of death.

An insurance company is refusing to pay a claim until the cause is listed. That may be weeks more, said the victim's mother, Annie.

"The hardest part is trying to catch up on the funeral," she added. "It cost about \$3,000. Last month, we finished paying it off. But that threw us behind in our rent."

She said she also is struggling to

support Lattimore's daughters, ages 3 and 6, on an \$86-a-month welfare check the government provides for the two girls.

A social worker said the grandmother cannot receive more since she is already receiving a check for another daughter's six children.

Annie Lattimore said she relied on her daughter to help cook meals, clean house and tend the children. Even though her daughter was addicted to crack, she managed to be a great help, the mother added.

Now, she said, "it's hard on me." Like many other parents, she believes her daughter was abducted. She was last seen getting into a car with a man.

Williams pops up in Lattimore's case as well.

He hung out at the same corner crack den where Lattimore went, said her sister Gail Griffin.

The sister, who called herself a friend of Williams, said he came over a couple of times to their home. She said she didn't know if Williams knew her sister.

Meanwhile, the family of the youngest victim, Antoinette Burns, is also waiting to receive a completed death certificate to collect insurance money.

She was last seen alive last Dec. 11 after she hitched a ride with a neighbor to go to the movies. She was let out near the Scott Projects. The next day, her body was found under a tree 26 blocks north.

"For a while, I was out there investigating myself," said her mother, Lealean Rahming. "I used to go out every morning from my house to Northwest 62nd Street where she disappeared. I tried to find the guy she knew. If anybody had seen her in the area. But nobody knows nothing."

Antoinette was a boy-crazy teenager who was trying to decide what school she wanted to attend, her mother said. Before she returned to her grandmother's Opa-locka home, she had been staying with an aunt in

a small town in Florida. Her family sent her there because she had been running with a bad pack of girls.

From the start, her family suspected foul play.

For weeks, they stubbornly fought off police and medical examiner's theories that Antoinette, along with many other victims, had died from a dose of crack cocaine and sex.

"I kept telling them that my child didn't do drugs," said Rahming. "But no one was listening to me."

"Walking to the bushes to have sex?" added Antoinette's grandmother, Thelma Rahming. "Not Antoinette. That sounds kind of strange."

At the funeral, they noticed that her lips were swollen "like somebody had hit her or something," Learlean said.

They also protested that Antoinette wasn't a convicted prostitute like some of the other victims.

Authorities started listening to the family when no cocaine was found in Antoinette.

That was the break some detectives needed to present their own theories that a killer was at work.

"It just didn't feel right," said Wesolowski, a veteran homicide investigator who leads a team of Metro detectives.

All the women's death scenes — many of them including torn clothing and missing shoes — pointed to homicide, he said.

"You get certain vibes when you look at different scenes," he said.

"It's like when you're approaching a drug suspect who's wearing designer jeans, a beeper and gold jewelry. You just know."

Last week, both the investigator and Antoinette's mother were interviewed for the nationally syndicated program *A Current Affair*.

Although they've never met, their hopes, to be spread throughout the nation in the episode, were the same. They want to end the mystery.

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Rapist questioned in 17 deaths

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Rapist is suspect in deaths case

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found near where 24-year-old Brenda Hernandez was killed with a blunt object at Northwest 46th Street and 23rd Avenue.

Police took him into custody after he gave "false information" about his name and was found to be carrying a crack pipe in his pocket, they said.

Within a few hours of his arrest, Williams also was charged with the March rape and robbery of a prostitute. Another victim later identified the convict in a photo lineup as the man who a month earlier pinned her in a choke hold and then dragged her to an open field where he raped her.

Williams is being arraigned in those two rape cases this morning. He is being held without bail at the Dade County Stockade.

Meanwhile, Metro and Miami police are investigating Williams' possible role in the 17 deaths that began in 1986. Almost all of the victims were found lying on their backs, partially nude and in open fields or abandoned houses. Their blood showed traces of cocaine, and crack paraphernalia was found nearby.

say."

Records show Williams served only four months of that sentence in the stockade. He was released in time for Christmas 1986.

Five months later, he was in trouble again.

Miami police arrested him in May 1987 after a woman reported she had been beaten on her legs, face and neck in an attack at Northwest First Court and 14th Street. She described her assailant, and police found Williams in the area.

However, the aggravated battery charge was lessened to a misdemeanor.

In the same area a day later, another woman said Williams attacked her. The Miami police report said Williams "had his hand on her neck and was choking her while the victim was trying to get away."

The attacker ended up stealing \$25 from the victim.

Williams was arrested, but those charges were later dropped.

He was out on the streets in time to be accused of a mid-May attack in 1988.

Choke hold used

building at 217 NW 8th St.

Police have never been able to find the man.

Witnesses were too high on drugs or alcohol to identify him, Watterson said.

Williams is suspected because he lived in the neighborhood at 921 NW Seventh Ave., the sergeant said.

Although an autopsy revealed bruises around her neck, medical examiners weren't able to detect trauma that would lead to Spires' death, Watterson said.

"There's no physical evidence," he said.

Today, Williams will be in court facing charges based on the com-

plaints of two women who told police Williams raped them in much the same way: He grabbed them from behind, choked them until they were unconscious and raped them in vacant areas.

Then he threatened to kill them if they told police.

Both identified Williams from photo lineups.

Prosecutor Dennis Siegel said Williams faces life in prison if convicted as charged of sexual battery with great force.

Three days before Williams was arrested and jailed without bail, the body of Peggy Gooden, the 17th woman to die mysteriously, was found at 9641 NW 27th Ave.

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Miami homicide Sgt. Thomas Watterson also noted that Williams could not have killed all the women because he was in jail when some of the 17 died.

Williams was profiled in 1986 in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to beat the system. Although at that time he had been accused of rape by seven women and had been treated as a "mentally disordered sex offender" for a 1977 conviction, the rest of his cases had ended in acquittals or charges had been dropped or reduced.

"The alleged victims of Charles Henry Williams tell much the same story: The tall, baby-faced man begins with smiles and small talk, then suddenly turns vicious, chokes them and rapes them," according to the profile published Aug. 27, 1986.

"Each time Williams has been arrested," the story continued, "the 30-year-old bus mechanic with a soft voice and gentle manner offers the same explanation he will bring to court today: 'There was no rape. I'm going to beat this.'"

The day after the article, Williams plea-bargained on a sexual assault case to receive a 364-day jail sentence.

"He's very much a professional," said a Miami police detective who investigated one of the cases never prosecuted said in 1986. "He knows how to manipulate it. He knows what he can say and what he can't

Attacker scared off

A friend of the victim scared the man off. The victim later told police she thinks she would have been killed if her friend had not been there.

Within a few hours, just three blocks away, prostitute Erica Edwards, 24, died one of the 17 unexplained deaths.

Her body, naked above the waist, was found in a vacant field at Northwest 79th Street and Eighth Court. There were no signs of violence on her body.

Three other women died mysteriously in the area before Williams was arrested Oct. 28.

● Barbara Ann Black, 25, was found Oct. 24 in a front yard at 7310 NW 18th Ave.

● Barbara Lattimore was found at 2700 NW 87th St. Oct. 27.

● Robin Renee Rolle, 29, was discovered in an open field at Northwest 79th Street and 14th Court.

Metro police would not talk about any of these cases.

But Miami's Sgt. Watterson said Williams was a "good suspect" in the death of Anita Spires, who died Jan. 22.

Watterson said Spires' body was found after police raided an abandoned building for gambling and drugs. Spires was found dead five minutes after police noticed she was having sex with a man outside of the

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Authorities still have not ruled out that many of the 17 women may have died from a combination of highs from sex and crack cocaine — although Medical Examiner Joseph Davis said last week that the pattern of the women's deaths indicates homicide.

Sex offenders studied

Police have been scanning records to find convicted sexual offenders who raped in the inner city. Williams fits that description.

A Metro homicide sergeant recently theorized that the women may have suffocated from a penis forced down their mouths.

Forensic dentist Dr. Richard Souviron confirmed he had examined Williams' sexual organs about three weeks ago for bite marks and is trying to determine if there is any evidence that links him to the 17 deaths. Souviron and other medical examiners are also looking for signs of trauma or other traces that could determine if the women were slain.

Williams told Dade Stockade Lt. William Smith last Friday that he had been questioned about the deaths.

"He was worried about getting hurt if other inmates found out about it," Smith said.

The lieutenant said he could not allow a reporter to interview Williams until a public defender is appointed to represent him. The public defender's office said Williams should be assigned an attorney today at the arraignment.

Metro detectives chief John Farrell, who has helped direct the investigation into the 17 women's deaths, was out of town and could not be reached for comment Monday. But he cautioned late last week that investigators were looking at several suspects and that his agency had no major suspect.

Tony Folsom, a neighbor of Williams, said he grabbed her in a choke hold and dragged her to a bathroom where he cut her throat with a knife.

As in other cases where Williams had been accused of violence against women, he had been friendly, even offering Folsom some crack cocaine, she said in a deposition.

They smoked it in her boyfriend's upstairs apartment while he was at work and her baby was asleep in another room.

Williams left, but returned shortly afterward.

"I was like surprised to see him," Folsom said in the deposition.

"He grabbed me around the neck. From behind. I blanked out. The only thing I remember... I was trying to pull his arms but I couldn't."

The next thing she knew she was on the bathroom floor. "I saw the shadow of the knife," she testified in the deposition. "I remember him hitting me. I felt when he cut my throat. I jumped straight up."

Another man heard the sounds and scared the attacker off. Police later arrested Williams on attempted second-degree murder charges, but those charges were dropped.

So were charges brought against him last October by a woman who said he tried to kill her.

The police report said the victim was walking west on Northwest 80th Street from Seventh Avenue early Oct. 22 when she heard a male voice say, "Hey, lady, come over here."

As she continued to walk, she heard footsteps behind her. When the victim turned around to see who was behind her, the defendant grabbed the victim from behind, placing her in a choke hold, the report said. "The defendant choked the victim until she was unconscious and then dragged her to nearby bushes."

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M.E. CASE NO. 88-3575 A
DATE DEC/12/88

BURNS, ANTIONETTE (UNKNOWN, REMAINS)
14 BLACK FEMALE DOB JAN/23/74
2440 NW 159TH STREET, OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA

PLACE OF DEATH: CORNER LOT: NW 88 ST. & 23 AVE., UNINC. DADE, MIAMI, FL
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 3:30PM DEC/12/88

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: METRO #627658-I /KOSLOSKE

INCIDENT LOCATION: CORNER LOT: NW 88 ST. & 23 AVE., MIAMI, FLA.
DEC/12/88 U SCENE M.E. CHARLES V. WETLI MD

HISTORY:

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ACCORDING TO INITIAL POLICE INVESTIGATION : THIS DATE, A PASSERBY FOUND
THE DECEASED EXPIRED LYING SUPINE ON THE GROUND UNDER A LARGE SHADE TREE.
POLICE RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND VIEWED THE DECEASED WITH HER SKIRT
PULLED UP AROUND HER WAIST AND HER UNDERPANTS PULLED DOWN NEAR HER ANKLES.
NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF TRAUMA NOTED.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE ON DECEMBER 16, 1988, BY MOTHER WHO
VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE.

CAUSE OF DEATH: HOMICIDE BY UNSPECIFIED MEANS. AMENDED BY J. H. DAVIS, M.D.,
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER 6/19/89-DJM.

MANNER: HOMICIDE DATE AUTOPSY DEC/13/88 BY CHARLES V. WETLI MD

MORTUARY: MITCHELL

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*see mother's address
3361 NW 21 Ave, Apt 44*
*where does this come from? It is
grandmother's address!*

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CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING TOXICOLOGY AND INVESTIGATION.

MANNER: UNCLASSIFIED DATE AUTOPSY DEC/13/88 BY CHARLES V. WETLI MD

MORTUARY: MITCHELL

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Name.UNKNOWN BLACK FEMALE.....Case No. 88-3575

SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE: 12 December 1988
LOCATION: N.W. 88th Street and 23rd Avenue
TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE: Approximately 5:30 p.m.
POLICE AGENCY: Metro-Dade Police Department
LEAD INVESTIGATOR: Detective Kosloske

INITIAL INFORMATION:

At approximately 4 p.m. a passerby noticed a black female lying supine beneath a tree. Reportedly she had been seen alive in the area at 9 a.m. that day.

OBSERVATIONS OF SURROUNDINGS:

The area is secluded and a beaten pathway leads toward a small clearing beneath a large tree. Weeds have been beaten down and the area immediately adjacent to the body, however, is sand suggesting the area has been disturbed recently. Next to the decedent is a Aqua-Net Hairspray container, an empty beer bottle, and a hair brush. To her right is a hair curler. No drug paraphernalia or condoms are found anywhere in the area.

OBSERVATIONS OF VICTIM(s):

The decedent is supine with her panties around her left ankle and her jean skirt is on backward (zipper in the back), and the hem is above the genitalia. The genitalia are exposed. The brassiere is fastened posteriorly but anteriorly is lifted above the breast. She is clad also in a white tee-shirt with a depiction of a Florida Gator. Frothy bloody fluid is around the nose and mouth. The right bulbar conjunctivae is injected and a few scattered petechiae are in the left bulbar conjunctivae. The neck is unremarkable with no areas of scarring or contusions or abrasions. Fly eggs are in the hair and portions of the eyes. She is in full rigor mortis. By palpation the body temperature is not elevated. No contusions of the lower lips are observed.


Name.UNKNOWN BLACK FEMALE.....Case No. 88-3575

The body is transported to the Medical Examiner Department arriving there at approximately 6:30 p.m. After initial processing, samples were taken as if for a sexual battery work-up. During this examination, it was noted that she had a faded blue tattoo on the right arm and, on the jean skirt, in ink, was printed the words "Gracious Lovers". A few scattered abrasions are also noted on the right labia minora. Cardiac blood was withdrawn at 7:20 p.m.

SCENE IMPRESSION (INCLUDING PROBABLE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH):

Possible cocaine intoxication.

NOTE: The foregoing is of a speculative nature and subject to modification pending additional information and investigation.


Charles V. Wetli, M.D.
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

CVW:cm

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METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
Office of the Medical Examiner
INVESTIGATION REPORT

Police Case No. 627658-D

88-3575
NAME OF THE DECEASED: UNKNOWN Age Race B Sex F

Address Date of Birth

Social Security No. Occupation Employer

Place of Death Corner lot at N.W. 88 St + 23 Ave.

Death Occurred 19 M. in the presence of

or
Found Dead Dec 12 19 88, 3³⁰ P M. by Gail ROBINSON

Identified by Address

Date/Time Viewed by Investigator Dec 12 19 88, 4³⁰ P.M. Medical Examiner at Scene DR. P. V. WETLI

HISTORY: (What happened just prior to death and when was victim last seen alive?) VICTIM WAS FOUND

By A Passerby. Victim was on the ground under
A Large Shade TREE. NO I.D. FOUND ON HER.
SHE WAS FOUND WITH HER SKIRT HIKED UP AROUND
HER WAIST. HER UNDERPANTS WERE DOWN NEAR HER
ANKLES. NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF TRAUMA OBSERVED.

 Possible manner of death UNK

If Violent Death: Date/Time of Incident 19 M. Weapon/Cal.

Exact Location/Address of Incident VACANT LOT AT N.W. 88 ST + 23 Ave At work NO
(Specify Street, Parking Lot, Bar etc.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Clothing JEAN SKIRT, PANTS, BRA, T-SHIRT

Position/Location of Body: Supine N/S AXIS

Lividity: Yes ✓ No Consistent ✓ Body Heat: Warm: Cool Cold ✓

Rigor Mortis: None Slight Full ✓ Decomposition: None ✓ Slight Advanced

Trauma: Yes No ✓ Describe NONE OBSERVED

NAMES OF DOCTORS/HOSPITALS who attended deceased during life: UNKNOWN

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN: Relation

Address Telephone Notified: Yes No

Valuables and Disposition SEE PROPERTY RECEIPT Medication to M.E.: Yes No ✓

Investigating Agency MAPD Report Submitted by David Kosloske Date: Dec 12 19 88, 6⁰⁰ P.M.

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE ROAD, MIAMI, FL 33136-1133
(305) 545-2400

CASE INFORMATION

MIAMI HERALD

DATE 12/16/88
mo. day yr.

time

M.E. Case #

NORTHWEST DADE

Police seek ID of dead woman

Metro-Dade detectives are asking for the public's help in identifying the body of a young black woman found Monday in a vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 88th Street.

She was in her late teens to early 20s, 5-feet-6 and 135 pounds. She was wearing a white T-shirt and a two-tone blue jean skirt, police said. The cause of death has not been determined.

Two tattoos indicate her first name is either Ann or Antoinette. On her right arm is a tattoo of two hearts with the words "Two Lovers." Inside one heart is written "Mark," inside the other is Ann. On her left arm a tattoo says "Mark W. -N- Antoinette."

Anyone with information should call Metro-Dade homicide at 547-7456 or Crime Stoppers at 326-TIPS.

**Metropolitan Dade County
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19th Street
Miami, Florida 33136
(305) 549-7337**

M.E. Case No. 88-3575 A

IDENTIFICATION OF BODY

I hereby identify the body viewed by me at the **MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT**, in the presence of

CHARLES E. TAYLOR

on DECEMBER 16, 1988 at 10:10 AM
Mon Day Yr.

as that of ANTONETTE BURNS

Signature

Learlean Rahmings

MRS. LEARLEAN ALBERTHA RAHMINGS

Address

7361 NW 21st AVENUE, MIAMI, APT. "H" FLORIDA

Tel. No.

836-3545

Relationship

MOTHER

I.D. Used (Dr. Lic., Voter Registr.)

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE BY VIEWING A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DECEASED.

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CASE INFORMATION

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time

88-3575
M.E. Case #

Reference: Unknown Remains
B/F

Antoinette Burns

DOB 1/23/74

2440 N.W. 159th Street
Opa-Luca, Florida

836-3545

Lillian Rahmings; Mother

7361 N.W. 21 Avenue #14

Miami, Florida 836-3545

#1139575 J.M.H.

HRS

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12 13 88
mo. day yr.

5:10 PM
time

88-3575
M.E. Case #

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

No 002645

DATE CALL RECEIVED

TIME

12-13-88 4:08 pm

WHO CALLED

Chief Farrell

FIRM

CITY, STATE

PHONE

AREA CODE

305-7734

☒ RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME

til about 5:15

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME

CALL TAKEN BY

Janice

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE RD.
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

MESSAGE
FOR

@VW

MESSAGE

Re: Black female
found last
night

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3214 -- Printed in USA

Revised case

Q 12/13/88

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(305) 545-2400

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12-21-88
mo. day yr.

time

88-3575
M.E. Case #

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| No 001503 | |
| DATE CALL RECEIVED <u>12-21-88</u> | TIME <u>3:23</u> |
| WHO CALLED <u>Det. Kosloske</u> | |
| FIRM <u>metro-Homicide</u> | |
| CITY, STATE | |
| PHONE <u>547-7456</u> | AREA CODE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME | |
| CALL TAKEN BY <u>Zine</u> | |

MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19th STREET
MIAMI, FL 33136

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| MESSAGE FOR | <u>CUW</u> |
|------------------|------------|

MESSAGE

RE: 88-3575
Unknown Black Female
Antonette Burns

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3214 - Printed in USA

Per Tex: Blood screen completely negative.

update discussed - Bat. H.

Will get CR

Ch 12/21/88

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 St., Miami, FL 33136
(305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 2 9 89
mo. day yr.

5:02 PM
time

3575
88-3574
M.E. Case # CW

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

No 000379

DATE CALL RECEIVED

TIME

2-7-89

3:24

WHO CALLED

Ima Rahming
(Grandmother)

CITY, STATE

PHONE

AREA CODE

1-7814

☒ RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME

CALL TAKEN BY

Jim

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S DEPT.
NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE ROAD
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136-1133

MESSAGE
FOR

CUW

MESSAGE

RE: 88-3575

Antoinette Burns

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3214 - Printed in USA

Discussed case -

Mr. Rahming said boy would see. call her + ask if
the police are still investigating.

No drugs; "boy - crazy"

White

2-9-89

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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(305) 545-2400

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12 13 88
mo. day yr.

time

88-3575
M.E. Case #

TELEPHONE MESSAGE

No 002648

DATE CALL RECEIVED

TIME

12-13-88 4:43

WHO CALLED

Det. Kosloske

FIRM

Metro-Homicide

CITY, STATE

PHONE

AREA CODE

542-7456

☐ RETURN CALL, DATE, TIME

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN, DATE, TIME

CALL TAKEN BY

Zia

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE RD.
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

MESSAGE
FOR

CUW

MESSAGE

RE: Unknown Black Female

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3214 — Printed in USA

*Known in area to walk streets in that area
? prostitute
thought to be slightly retarded.
None?*

C. 12/13/88

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE Dec. 16, 1988
mo. day yr.

10:35 Am
time

88-3575
M.E. Case #

Re: Burns, A

called J. M. H
Medical Records — # 1139575
was requested.

CE/ayo-

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12 13 88
mo. day yr.

1100
time

88-3575
M.E. Case #

Antoinette?

*COO-
MOO* } *Pending Toxicology & chemistry.*

[Signature]

12/13/88.

MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

DEC-12-'88 MON 19:12

TERM ID: MEDICAL EXAMINER P-9999

TEL NO: 305 545 2400 EXT3418

| NO. | DATE | ST.TIME | TOTAL TIME | ID | DEPT CODE | OK | NG |
|-----|-------|---------|------------|---------------------|-----------|----|----|
| 800 | 12-12 | 19:11 | 00°00'43 | 1 305 326 7139 0001 | | 01 | 00 |

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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(305) 545-2400

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12 12 88
mo. day yr.

4:25 PM
time

M.E. Case #

Rec'd call
DET. KOSLOSKY
MDPD.
658

MEDICAL EXAMINER will BE
NEEDED IN ^{ABT.} TWO (2) HOURS

NW 88 St. + 22nd Ave.
B/F - UNCLASSIFIED

DR WETLI RESPONDED AT ABOUT 5:05 PM

Wagon (Bring Patch)
Rusty
5:44 P/M

J. Burns

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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(305) 545-2400

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12/15/88
mo. day yr.

11:15 A
time

M.E. Case # _____

Reference: Unknown Remains
Missing Person:

~~Sherry Turner Rachel Santiago~~

~~28 year old B/F~~

~~Last seen Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1988~~

~~Weight — 120 pounds~~

~~Height — 5 feet 5 inches~~

~~Brown Eyes~~

~~Brown Hair~~

~~NO Scars, NO tattoos tattoo of "S"~~
~~on her left arm.~~

~~Teeth are straight,~~

~~Dark Complexion.~~

Sister, Mrs. Sherry Turner
687-5542

~~C.E. Just~~

(Mrs. Turner asked to come
over to view photographs)

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12/15/88
mo. day yr.

1:45 pm
time

88-3575-
M.E. Case #

Rev. D
MDPS - F.D.
Calhoun

- Prints negative,
local -

- will send to FBI.

DM

MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

POLICE AGENCY _____

MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE # 88-3575 DATE Dec. 13, 1988
POLICE (AGENCY) CASE # _____ TIME 6:30 PM
NAME OF DECEASED _____

FOLLOW-UP PROCESSING COMPLETED:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINTING | <input type="checkbox"/> BLOOD STANDARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PALM PRINTING | <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRON ACTIVATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERNAIL SCRAPINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTHING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAIR STANDARD COLLECTION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPH |

☐ OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION _____

D. Kerstogke MSPD
ID TECHNICIAN / OFFICER

POSITIVE ID BY FINGERPRINTS MADE ON _____
UNDER THE NAME OF _____
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS _____
DOB _____ OTHER _____

CALLED BY _____

MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

POLICE AGENCY _____

MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE # 88-3525 DATE Dec. 12, 1988
POLICE (AGENCY) CASE # _____ TIME 8:00 PM
NAME OF DECEASED _____

FOLLOW-UP PROCESSING COMPLETED:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINTING | <input type="checkbox"/> BLOOD STANDARD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PALM PRINTING | <input type="checkbox"/> NEUTRON ACTIVATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERNAIL SCRAPINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTHING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAIR STANDARD COLLECTION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPH |

☐ OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION _____

Daniel G. G. M.D.
ID TECHNICIAN / OFFICER

POSITIVE ID BY FINGERPRINTS MADE ON _____
UNDER THE NAME OF _____
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS _____
DOB _____ OTHER _____

CALLED BY _____



Mitchell - Funeral Home

fasting service with dignity, integrity and morals

8080 N.W. 22 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33147
Phone: (305) 638-0088

AUTHORIZATION

I hereby designate the above-named funeral establishment to take charge of funeral arrangements for: ANTIONETTE TONYA BURNS, and I authorize the release and removal of the remains to said funeral establishment for the purpose of embalming and/or other scientific preparation.

I represent that I am the next of kin, or am acting as a duly authorized agent for the next of kin.

Signed: Harlean Rahming

Relationship: MOTHER

Co-Signed: Helma Rahming

Relationship: GRANDMOTHER

WITNESS:

DATE:

B. Mitchell

12-16-88

FOR VERBAL (TELEPHONE) AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization from _____

Relationship _____

Date _____ Time _____ Received by _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

Date 12-30-88
445 dkc

TO: FINGERPRINT CONTRIBUTOR:

A Fingerprint search has been conducted with negative results in the Criminal, Civil and Missing Person files. The fingerprint card submitted by your agency is being retained by the Identification Division. A copy of your submission is attached.

RESPONSE SECTION

Identification Division
FBI

FBI/DOJ

PROPERTY RECEIPT

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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M.E. CASE # 88 3575
MEDICAL EXAMINER D. WETZ

(IF NOT KNOWN, USE UNK)

DECEDENT'S NAME: UNK
AGE RACE B SEX F TYPE OF CASE UNC/ASS
POLICE AGENCY: MDPD POLICE CASE # 6276582

| ITEM NO. | QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION (itemize currency by denomination) |
|----------|----------|---|
| <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Red top tube of blood</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Coag</u> |
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I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all the property impounded by me in the official performance of my duty as a Medical Examiner, District 11.

D. WETZ MD MDPD
Print Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: 12 12 88 7:30 AM/PM
MO. DAY YR. TIME

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all property received by/from the Medical Examiner Department.

M.E. Courier:
Print Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: AM/PM
MO. DAY YR. TIME

Receiving Party: Kevin Conley MDPD
Print Agency

Date & Time Released: 12 12 88 7:30 AM/PM
MO. DAY YR. TIME

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M.E. CASE # 88 3575
 MEDICAL EXAMINER Dr WETZ

(IF NOT KNOWN, USE UNK)

DECEDENT'S NAME: UNK

AGE _____ RACE B SEX F TYPE OF CASE UNCLAS

POLICE AGENCY: MDPD POLICE CASE # 627658-J

| ITEM NO. | QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION (itemize currency by denomination) |
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| <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Red top tube of blood</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Grey " " " "</u> |
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Dr WETZ
 Print

[Signature]
 Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: 12 12 88
 MO. DAY YR.

7:30 AM/PM
 TIME

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M.E. Courier: _____
 Print

 Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: _____
 M D Y

 AM/PM.

Receiving Party: Kevin Conley
 Print

 TIME

MDPD
 Agency

Date & Time Released: 12 12 88
 MO. DAY YR.

7:30 AM/PM
 TIME

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M.E. CASE # 88 3575
MEDICAL EXAMINER D. Wetli

(IF NOT KNOWN, USE UNK)

DECEDENT'S NAME: _____

AGE _____ RACE B SEX F TYPE OF CASE UNCLAS

POLICE AGENCY: MDPD POLICE CASE # 627658-I

| ITEM NO. | QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION (itemize currency by denomination) |
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| <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>RARE KIT</u> |
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D. WETLI, MD _____
Print Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: 12 12 88 7:30 AM
MO. DAY YR. TIME

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M.E. Courier: _____
Print Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: _____
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Receiving Party: Kevin Conley _____
Print Agency

Date & Time Released: 12 12 88 7:30 AM
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T. Anderson 11/1/03
 11/1/03
 11/1/03
 11/1/03

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11/1/03
 11/1/03

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M.E. CASE # 88-3525
MEDICAL EXAMINER D1 WETZEL

(IF NOT KNOWN, USE UNK)

DECEDENT'S NAME: UNK

AGE _____ RACE B SEX F TYPE OF CASE UNCLASS

POLICE AGENCY: MDPD POLICE CASE # 627658-I

| ITEM NO. | QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION (itemize currency by denomination) |
|----------|----------|---|
| <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>White T Shirt</u> |
| <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>White undershirt</u> |
| <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>BEIGE BRA</u> |
| <u>4</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Blue denim SKIRT</u> |
| <u>5</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>BEIGE UNDERWEAR</u> |
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D1 WETZEL
Print

[Signature]
Sign

DATE / TIME OBTAINED: 12 12 88
MO. DAY YR.

7:30 AM/PM
TIME

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M.E. Courier: _____
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DATE / TIME OBTAINED: _____
AM/PM.

TIME

Receiving Party: Kevin Coulter
M D Y
Print

Agency

Date & Time Released: 12 12 88
MO. DAY YR.

7:30 AM/PM
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DECEASED'S VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD

NAME OF DECEASED UnKnown M.E. CASE NO. 88-3575
TIME 6:30 pm DATE Dec. 12, 1988
AGE unk RACE B SEX F HEIGHT 5-6
WEIGHT (with clothes) _____ (without clothes) 136 lbs. (with wet clothes) _____
FINGERPRINTED: YES NO _____

MALE

CLOTHES

FEMALE

SHOES _____ SOCKS _____ SHOES _____ STOCKING _____ SOCKS _____
JACKET _____ SWEATER _____ COAT _____ SWEATER _____ JACKET _____
TIE _____ SHIRT _____ DRESS _____ BLOUSE _____ SKIRT _____
TROUSERS _____ SHORTS _____ BELT _____ SHORTS None SLACKS _____
UNDERSHIRT _____ T SHIRT _____ UNDERSHORTS _____ SLIP _____ PANTIES _____ CORSET _____ BRA _____
PAJAMAS _____ PAJAMAS _____ GOWN _____
DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____ TRUSS _____ DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____
MISCELLANEOUS _____ MISCELLANEOUS _____

VALUABLES

(List all money, jewelry, keys, personal papers & other valuables)

None

RECEIVED BY Clark B. Jackson MORGUE ATTENDANT WITNESS Joe K...

REMOVED FROM M.E. OFFICE BY

BODY Murphy REPRESENTING B.H. Smith DATE 12-14-88 TIME 7:09 p

CLOTHES _____ REPRESENTING _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

VALUABLES _____ REPRESENTING _____ DATE _____ TIME 8:00

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name: ~~UNKNOWN-BLACK-FEMALE~~..December 13, 1988..9 am. Case No. 88-3575
BURNS, Antionette

CAUSE OF DEATH:

*See antionette
J H. Davis*

Charles V. Wetli, M.D.
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

Date: _____

CVW:cm

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

(THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHEN A PENDING CASE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS AN APPROVAL BY EITHER THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER BEFORE COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE.)

M.E. Case # 88-3575

Name (if known) Burns, Antoinette

Homicide by unspecified means

Cause of Death:
(Item 24)

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death:
(Item 27a)

Homicide

December 12, 1988 unknown time

How Incident Occurred:
(Item 27d)

Deceased found semirude; apparently had been molested

Rationale for Classification:

1. Abandoned
2. Semirude
3. Sex
4. Antigravity petechiae of left eye
5. Contusion of posterior larynx
6. Contusion of scalp
7. Abrasion left intercostal
8. No drugs
9. Fts epidemiological pattern of 19 cases studied to date

Medical Examiner

M - D - Y
Date

Approved by

J. E. Davis MD

6/13/89
M - D - Y
Date

CASE REVIEW J. H. DAVIS, M.D.

NAME: Burns, Antionette

ME No.: 88-3575

Age/Race: 14 F

Police: MDPD

Date Found: 12/12/88

Police No.: 627658-I Kosloske

Coordinates: NW 23 Ave 88 St

Site Character: Lot, under tree

Position: Supine; left leg straight; right knee raised

Clothing/Cover: Blouse up, skirt up, pants on left leg

Preservation Status: Good

Photos Eyes: Yes. Petechiae (prominent) left eye; few scattered below left

" Lips: Yes - None visible

Bloody foam nose/mouth ^{see photo} ^{has dried on ears}

" Ext. Neck: Yes - Faint mark from ? on left

Tongue Neg

" Int. Neck: Yes Posterior - crico-pharyngeal 1 cm contusion left of midline

Cocaine Blood: 5

" Other: 5

CONFUSION SCALP - High posterior

Alcohol: 5

Other Drug: 5

EVIDENCE FOR HOMICIDE

ACCIDENT

Abandoned ♀

Semi nude

Sex

Petechiae left eye (contingency)

Contusion posterior larynx

Contusion scalp

Abrasions, left introitus

Age 14 - not on drugs - Not known to be a prostitute

What happened to shoes - Feet soles look too clean to be a bus driver's shoes

photo
scuffs?

Already Classified as Homicide

- 1 88-3093 Black, B.
- 2 89-243 Spives, A
- 3 89-906 Williams, A
- 4 89-997 Hernandez, B

Well preserved - not decomposed bodies

- 1 87-2006 Samuels, W
- 2 87-2017 Taylor, M
- 3 87-2633 Rozier, E
- 4 88-1055 Gray, S
- 5 88-3075 Edwards, E
- 6 88-3119 Lattimore, D
- 7 88-3575 Burns, A
- 8 89-323 Stewart, L
- 9 89-981 Gooden, P

Decomposed or insect altered bodies - including skeletons

- 1 86-2512 Turner, T
- 2 88-2596 Henderson, J
- 3 88-2637 Johnson, L
- 4 88-3118 Rolle, R
- 5 89-346 Harris, V
- 6 89-883 Bodie, C